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BROOKS, O'FLYNN: COUNTY ORDERS 37 HIGH-RISK SEXUAL PREDATORS TO REPORT ON HALLOWEEN

More than 120 other offenders given severe restrictions

At a joint news conference held today, **Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks** and **Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn** announced a bold initiative to protect our community's children on Halloween night. This year, and continuing in the years to come, Monroe County will order 37 of our community's highest-risk sex offenders to report to the Department of Probation from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Halloween night.

"Government's most important responsibility is the safety and security of its citizens. By confining these sexual predators, we are taking the appropriate steps to protecting the health and welfare of our children, while also providing some peace of mind for area parents," said Brooks. "Given that these particular sex offenders all have a history of preying on children, these new actions are an appropriate safeguard that we will continue to implement into the future."

In addition to ordering 37 of our highest-risk sex offenders to report on Halloween night, Monroe County ordered over 120 other sex offenders not to decorate their homes for the holiday, to turn off exterior lights, not to answer the door, or give out candy. County Sheriff Deputies, and County Probation Officers will enforce all of the requirements outlined in this announcement jointly.

"While we are mindful that these predators always pose a risk to our community, we are proud to partner with County Executive Brooks and the County Probation Department to enforce these additional steps during Halloween," said O'Flynn.

Teams of Probation Officers and Sheriff Deputies will conduct surveillance and home visits on those sex offenders who are not required to be at the Probation office to ensure that they have complied with the County's requirements. If any of the 37 high-risk sex offenders fail to report, Sheriff Deputies and Probation Officers will go to their home and bring them in.

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In addition to reminding residents that the County provides a map of Level 3 Sex Offenders on the County website (monroecounty.gov), Brooks also gave the following advice for parents:

- Make your child carry a flashlight and wear well-fitting shoes
- Plan out a route in advance
- Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or areas
- Only trick or treat at houses that are lit
- Keep track of time and don't trick or treat after 9 p.m.

*"Halloween should be a magical time for our community's children to trick or treat within their neighborhoods," said **Brooks**. "Any steps we can take to ensure that this special, children's day is not only fun, but safe are more than worthwhile. This initiative combined with continued parental responsibility will help ensure Monroe County remains a safe and vibrant community for our children to grow-up in"*

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